Response to Secretary Fornash: Strategies for Greater Efficiencies and Reallocation

Institutions propose to reallocate two percent of their FY 2011-12 general fund base budget toward fulfillment of the objectives of the HEOA outlined in the amended six-year plans.

Additionally, institutions propose to match institution-specific initiative funding provided in the Governor's budget on the following basis: 50 percent in fiscal year 2012-13 and 100 percent in fiscal year 2013-14, up to a maximum of 1 percent of its fiscal year 2011-12 general fund E&G appropriation.

Institutions receiving new state support for research in 2012-14 commit to generate at least two times the value of the general fund appropriation in new externally funded research within a three year period.

Statement of Principles

Dollars must be reallocated from within an institution's current base budget and cannot come from incremental tuition revenue resulting from a tuition increase.

The amount identified for each institution must remain with the institution and will not be reverted to a central pool for redistribution.

The commitment includes, and is not in addition to, the reallocations identified in the institution's six-year plan as revised on October 1, 2011.

Each institution will identify in its six-year plan update the program or expenditure to which the reallocated dollars will be directed and tie the program or expenditure to a specific objective(s) of the HEOA

Recommended Budget Bill Language

An amount equal to 2% of the base general fund appropriation or \$X,XXX,XXX will be reallocated by the institution to programs and strategies that serve to advance the objectives of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011. Specific programs and strategies will be identified in the institution's six year plan and progress toward achievement of the objective(s) will be reported on an agreed schedule.